

**ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD
FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Animal Control Board for Charles County, Maryland, was convened by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, Charles County Government Building, with the following Board members in attendance.

Andrew Parker, Chairman
Mandy Foreman, Vice-Chairman
Sean Brown
Kristin Lake
Carl Blumenstein
Edward Tucker, Chief, Animal Control Services
Melody Miles Haynes, County Attorney
Maria Team, Clerk
Melody Weschler

A quorum was declared based upon the presence of a majority of the appointed Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Animal Matters Hearing Board for July 21, 2015 were approved and adopted.

Citation No. 6413 – issued to Vincent Reed, 7309 Dominion Drive, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745, for the alleged violation of Section 230.8 of the Charles County Animal Regulations for his dog “Poppy”. Mr. Reed was present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Officer Jeff Thomas and Mr. Reed.

Based on the testimony heard, Vice Chairman, made a motion to find Mr. Reed in violation of Section 230.8 of the Charles County Animal Regulations with a fine of \$200.00, which he satisfied at the end of the hearing and was Ordered to obey all laws for 18 months. A second was made and the vote passed unanimously.

Citation Nos. 6500– issued to Julian Aquiningoc, 202 Blair Road, #201, Indian Head, Maryland 20640 for the alleged violation of Section 230.8.A. (8) (a) of the Charles County Animal Regulations for his dog “Ranger”. Mr. Aquiningoc was present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Officer Alison Budd and Mr. Aquiningoc.

Based on the testimony heard, the Vice Chair made a motion to find Mr. Aquiningoc in violation of Section 230.8.A. (8) (a) of the Charles County Animal Regulations with a fine of \$200.00 to be satisfied by August 18, 2015 and was Ordered to obey all laws for 18 months. A second was made and the vote passed unanimously.

Citation Nos. 6482 and 6483 – issued to Diane Jackson, 4666 Scotsdale Place, Waldorf, Maryland 20601 for the alleged violation of Section 230.10.A, Section 230.9.A, Section 230.10.A and Section 230.8 of the Charles County Animal Regulations for her dogs “Angel” and “Louie”. Ms. Jackson was present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Officer Alison Budd, Deputy Timko, Charles County Sheriff’s Office (witness for County) and Ms. Jackson. Entered into evidence was a weather report for that day, marked County Ex. 1. Also entered into evidence was a current rabies certificate and a current animal license for both dogs, marked Owner Ex. A. Because the Board was made aware that Ms. Jackson had a criminal court date regarding her dogs on August 12, 2015, the Board decided to continue her case to August 18, 2015 to decide on the fine for Ms. Jackson until the outcome of the court case is established.

Citation No. 6464 – issued to Ronald Baker, 10082 Charles Street, La Plata, Maryland 20646 for the alleged violation of Section 230.10.A, Section 230.12, Section 230.9.A and Section 230.12.5 of the Charles County Animal Regulations for his dog “Scooter”. Scherry Baker was present at the hearing, and without objection was substituted as the owner of the dog. Testimony was heard from Officer Alison Budd, Amy Curtis (witness for County) and Ms. Baker. Entered into evidence was a bite report marked County Ex. 1, four photos marked County Ex. 2, and a current rabies certificate and a current animal license, marked Owner Ex. A.

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Vice-Chairman made a motion to find Ms. Baker in violation of all four violations and fine her a total of \$240.00 to be satisfied by August 18, 2015 and to comply with the requirements stated in Section 230.12.5.E.1, 2, 3 5 (a) and (b) and 8 of the Charles County Animal Regulations, and obey all laws for 18 months. A second was made and the vote passed unanimously.

Citation No. 6461 – issued to Robert Simms, 94630 Jermaine Place, Waldorf, Maryland 20603 for the alleged violation of Section 230.8 of the Charles County Animal Regulations. Officer Alison Budd withdrew this citation.

Citation No. 6442 – issued to Herbert Morgan, Jr., P.O. Box 365, Culpeper, VA 22701 for the alleged violation of Section 230.10.A, Section 230.8 and Section 230.9.A of the Charles County Animal Regulations for his dog “Jack”. Mr. Morgan was present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Mr. Morgan denied being in violation of the allegations. Testimony was heard from Officer Alison Budd, Lillian Viney (witness for County), and Mr. Morgan. Entered into evidence was one photo marked County Ex. 1. The violation for Section 230.10.A and Section 230.9.A were withdrawn.

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Vice-Chairman made a motion to find Mr. Morgan in violation of Section 230.8 and fine him a total of \$100.00 to be satisfied by August 18, 2015 and to obey all laws for 18 months. A second was made and the vote passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the hearing at 8:00 p.m.

